

REMARKS

Claims 6-9 and 17-19 are pending in this application. By this and previous amendments, Claims 1-5, 10-16, and 20-32 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants hereby reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuation application. Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 6-9 and 17-19. The present application should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the present application be allowed with pending Claims 6-9 and 17-19.

Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. 102 and 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-5, 10-16, 21-27, and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103. In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have canceled the rejected claims without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw this rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present invention define patentable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass Claims 6-9 and 17-19 to issue. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

It is believed that no fee is required for the present amendment. In the event that a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 03-2469. Moreover, if the deposit

account contains insufficient funds, the Commissioner is hereby invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to arrange payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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